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By the Lords Justices,
A PROCLAMATION.

Tho. Cantuar. J. Sommers C. S. Pembroke C. P. S. Shrewsbury.

WHereas *We formerly received Information from the Governor and Company of Merchants of* London *Trading to the* East Indies, *That one* Henry Every, *Commander of the Ship called the* Phansie *alias* Charles, *of Fourty six Guns, and One hundred and thirty Men, had, under* English *Colours, committed several Acts of Piracy upon the Seas of* India *or* Persia, *whereupon We Issued a Proclamation, bearing Date the Seventeenth Day of* July *last, for the Taking and Apprehending the said* Henry Every, *and such other Persons as were with him in the said Ship, in Order to have them Punished as Pirates and Common Robbers upon the High Seas; And whereas We have since the Issuing the said Proclamation received further Information from the said Governour and Company of Merchants Trading to the* East Indies, *That the said* Henry Every *hath changed his Name, and now goes by the Name of* Henry Bridgman, *and that* James Cray, Thomas Summerton, Edward Kirwood, William Down, John Reddy, John Stroger, Nathaniel Pike, Peter Soanes, Henry Adams, Francis Frennier, Thomas Johnson; Joseph Dawson, Samuel Dawson, James Lewis, John Sparks, Joseph Goss, Charles Falconer, James Murray, Robert Rich, John Miller, John King, Edward Savill, William Philips, Thomas Jope *and* Thomas Belisha, *together with several others whose Names are not yet Discovered (amongst whom were Fifty two* French-men, *Fourteen* Danes, *and others of other Nations) were with the said* Henry Every *alias* Bridgman, *in the said Ship* Phansie, *when the several Acts of Piracy were committed, and were Aiding and Assisting therein, and shared in the Plunder so by them Piratically taken, to the amount of One thousand Pounds a Man or thereabouts; And whereas We are Informed, That the said* Henry Every *alias* Bridgman, *with several other Persons abovenamed, have, since they committed such Acts of Piracy, left the said Ship in the Island of* Providence, *and are arrived in* Ireland *in two small Sloops, and have there dispersed themselves, some of which Persons remain there, and others are come into this Kingdom and the Kingdom of* Scotland, *as two of their Accomplices, who are now Taken and in Custody, have Confessed and Declared: We have therefore thought fit (by the Advice of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council) to Issue this Proclamation, hereby Declaring, That the said* Henry Every *alias* Bridgman, *together with the said several Persons above named, and others,* English-men, Scotch-men, *and Foreigners, to the number of about One hundred and thirty, did Steal and Run away with the said Ship from the Port of* Corunna *in* Spain; *and that neither the said* Henry Every *alias* Bridgman, *nor any of the Persons abovenamed had any Commission or Authority from His Majesty to Command the said Ship, or the Men therein; but that the said* Henry Every *alias* Bridgman, *and the several other Persons above named, and such others as were with them in the said Ship, are Pirates and Robbers upon the High Seas. And We do hereby Charge and Command all His Majesty's Admirals, Captains, and other Officers at Sea, and all His Majesty's Governors and Commanders of any Forts, Castles or other Places in His Majesty's Plantations, and all other Officers and Persons whatsoever, to Seize and Apprehend the said* Henry Every *alias* Bridgman, James Cray, Thomas Summerton, Edward Kirwood, William Down, John Reddy, John Stroger, Nathaniel Pike, Peter Soanes, Henry Adams, Francis Frennier, Thomas Johnson, Joseph Dawson, Samuel Dawson, James Lewis, John Sparks, Joseph Goss, Charles Falconer, James Murray, Robert Rich, John Miller, John King, Edward Savill, William Philips, Thomas Jope, *and* Thomas Belisha, *and such others as were with them in the said Ship (who may probably be known and discovered by the great Quantities of Gold and Silver of Foreign Coins which they have with them) in order that they may be brought to Justice, and suffer the just Punishment of the Law, as Pirates upon the High Seas. And We do hereby further Declare, That in case any of the Persons abovenamed (except the said* Henry Every *alias* Bridgman) *or any other Persons who were in the said Ship with the said* Henry Every *alias* Bridgman, *shall Discover the said* Henry Every *alias* Bridgman, *or any other of the Persons abovenamed, so as they may be Seized and Taken, in order to be brought to Justice, he and they making such Discovery shall have His Majesty's Gracious Pardon for their Offences. And We do hereby further Declare, That such Person or Persons, or any other Person or Persons who shall Discover the said* Henry Every *alias* Bridgman, *so as he may be Seized or Taken, or shall be otherwise Instrumental in Seizing the said* Henry Every *alias* Bridgman, *he or they making such Discovery or Seizure, shall have the Reward of Five hundred Pounds promised in the said former Proclamation, for the Discovery and Seizure of the said* Henry Every. *And that in case any Person or Persons shall Discover any of the other Persons abovenamed, so as they may be Seized or Taken, or shall be otherwise Instrumental in Seizing any of the said Persons, he or they making such Discovery or Seizure, shall have a Reward of Fifty Pounds for every of the said Persons, whom he or they shall so Discover or Seize, which said several Sums of Five hundred Pounds and Fifty Pounds, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are hereby Required and Directed to Pay accordingly.*

Given at the Council Chamber in *Whitehall*, the 10th Day of *August*, 1696. In the 8th Year of His Majesty's Reign.

There is likewise Published a Proclamation by the Lords Justices concerning the Registring of Seamen, which will be Printed at large in the next *Gazette*.

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